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1. FONMINISTRY AMERICAN/EUROPEAN AFFAIRS CHIEF BELKORA INQUIRED JUNE 21 ABOUT SPANISH PRESS REPORT OF PRO-MOROCCAN SAHARA STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT INTERVIEW (JUNE 23 ISSUE). ACCORDING TO BELKORA, SECRETARY QUOTED AS SAYING, IN SUBSTANCE, "WE SUPPORT MOROCCAN ANNEXATION OF SAHARA NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN VIABILITY OF AN INDEPENDENT SAHARA, BUT BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH IT TO FALL INTO HANDS OF ALGERIANS, WHO WOULD GRANT SOVIETS BASING RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY." BELKORA MADE URGENT REQUEST FOR TEXT OF INTERVIEW.

- 2. WE GAVE HIM BACKGROUND TO STATEMENT ON US NEUTRALITY CONTAINED REFTEL, AND READ HIM TEXT OF STATEMENT. WE ALSO INFORMED HIM WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS OF INTERVIEW CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO SAHARA, THOUGH WE UNCERTAIN IT NOT MENTIONED.
- 3. FONMINISTRY STILL REQUESTS COMPLETE TEXT. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CABLE US PORTIONS OF INTERVIEW NOT USED IN WIRELESS FILE; WE WILL ASSEMBLE COMPLETE INTERVIEW FOR FONMINISTRY.NEUMANN UNCLASSIFIED

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